

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-504-C - ORDER NO. 94-230✓
MARCH 16, 1994

IN RE: Investigation of Level of Earnings)	ORDER GRANTING
of GTE South, Inc.)	MOTION TO COMPEL
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA) to compel answers to interrogatories propounded to GTE South, Inc. (GTE or the Company) in this Docket. The subject of the Motion to Compel is the request that GTE provide total annual local and MEAS usage-sensitive revenues generated by GTE's COCOT customers, and also average monthly and yearly local and MEAS usage-sensitive revenues per COCOT access line. SCPCA alleges that this information is relevant to the Association's case in the present proceeding, and also alleges that this information is readily available to GTE, since these usage-sensitive revenues are itemized on each of GTE's monthly bills to its COCOT customers.

SCPCA filed a response to the Motion to Compel which stated that the information requested is not readily available, and would require the Company to first prepare a specific data processing service order and run the program in order to produce the

information requested. GTE alleges that this would take a minimum of two weeks to accomplish, and that an individual order of this nature is both costly and time consuming. The Company also alleges that as a matter of "business policy," GTE does not normally generate such information. Although SCPCA states that the information requested is aggregate information only, and should therefore be provided, GTE states that the argument is unpersuasive. GTE alleges that it must develop the aggregate information by first obtaining specific customer/competitor information and assimilate such into a total aggregate number.

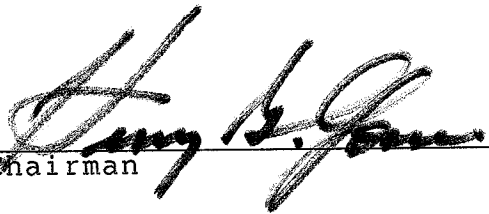
Upon review of this matter, the Commission believes that the information sought by SCPCA is relevant to the proceedings in the case at bar, and that GTE's position is unavailing. The Company should provide this information to SCPCA as expeditiously as possible. The Motion to Compel is therefore granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion to Compel filed by SCPCA is granted.
2. GTE shall provide the requested information as expeditiously as possible to SCPCA.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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